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TAGS: MAPS, PINS, CACS, CG
SUBJECT: SHABA INCURSION - POSSIBLE RESCUE EFFORT:
BELGIAN PLANNING

REF: A) STATE 125187, B) BRUSSELS 9383,
C) BRUSSELS DAO 246 MAY 78

1. FOLLOWING UP ON DEMARCHE REPORTED REF B, BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S CHEF DE CABINET, ALFRED CAHEN, INFORMED US BY TELEPHONE 5 P.M. MAY 17 THAT BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO ACCELERATE CONTINGENCY PREPARATIONS FOR RESCUE OPERATIONS. "TROOPS WILL NOT BE ALERTED, BUT EVERYTHING ELSE." SAYING THAT IT WOULD TAKE THREE DAYS TO PREPARE OPERATION FROM TIME DECISION IS MADE, CAHEN THAT BY STARTING NOW ON CONTINGENCY BASIS BELGIANS HOPE TO REDUCE THIS TIME TO 24 OR 48 HOURS.

2. CAHEN SAID THAT AMBASSADOR OF ZAIRE IS BEING CALLED IN AT 6 P.M. TODAY AND WILL BE GIVEN NOTE REQUESTING STANDBY PERMISSION TO OVERFLY ZAIRE. HE SAID NOTE HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR, WHO CONCURRED WITH APPROACH. HE SAID HE WOULD GIVE US COPY OF NOTE.

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3. CAHEN STRESSED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR BELGIANS TO CARRY OUT OPERATION WITHOUT AMERICAN LOGISTICAL SUPPORT, MOST NOTABLY JP-1/JP-4 FUEL (NEED FOR WHICH WAS REPORTED IN REF C), AND ASKED FOR EARLY REPLY TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE REQUEST REPORTED REF C.

4. FOLLOWING UP ON DEMARCHE TO AIRA BY MOD CHEF DE CABINET (REF C), LEFEVRE MADE ADDITIONAL URGENT PLEA AFTERNOON MAY 17 WHICH DAO IS REPORTING SEPTEL. IN BRIEF, BELGIANS WISH TO KNOW SOONEST WHETHER WE WOULD AT LEAST BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THEM LOGISTICALLY (JP-1/JP-4 FUEL AND ALSO AN UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT OF AIRLIFT CAPACITY). THEY URGENTLY REQUEST ANSWER EY OPENING OF BUSINESS MAY 18.

5. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION DROP NODIS CLASSIFICATION THIS SUBJECT. CHAMBERS

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